

## Message Text

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P R 031522Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5749  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER FROM CHARGE

E.O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, ENRG, LI  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING ALLEGED EXPROPRIATION OF THE  
LIBERIA REFINING COMPANY (LRC)

REF: A) STATE 180083, B) MONROVIA 5091

1. EMBASSY HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH RAISING WITH GOVT. OF LIBERIA  
(GOL) MATTER OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING ALLEGED  
EXPROPRIATION OF LIBERIA REFINING COMPANY (LRC). PRESIDENT  
TOLBERT PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED FINANCE MINISTER PHILLIPS TO KEEP  
US FULLY BRIEFED ON THE GOL VIEWS AND MOVES WITH REGARD TO THE  
LRC PROBLEM AND OUR MEETINGS WITH PHILLIPS AND, IN HIS ABSENCE,  
THE DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER PADMORE, HAVE BEEN OPEN AND FRANK.  
WE DO SUGGEST THAT FOR THE TIME BEING ANY APPROACH BE LIMITED  
TO PHILLIPS, RESERVING AN APPROACH TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT, IF  
NECESSARY, FOR A LATER DATE.

2. WE ALSO WONDER IF IT WOULD BE EITHER NECESSARY OR  
PRODUCTIVE TO URGE THE GOL TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO  
FIND A SOLUTION SINCE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD ONLY RECENTLY THAT  
THAT IS WHAT IT IS DOING (REFTEL B). ON THE OTHER HAND,  
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IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITHOUR CONTACTS WITH  
GOL ON THIS ISSUE TO SHARE THAT THE MATTER IS BECOMING  
A DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
WITH POTENTIALLY SERIOUS OVERTONES. WE BELIEVE THAT  
THIS INFORMATION COULD BE CONVEYED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO  
AVOID IT BEING INTERPRETED AS A THREAT, PARTICULARLY  
SINCE GOL OFFICIALS ARE FULLY AWARE OF U.S. LAWS

(HICKENLOOPER, ETC) ON SUBJECT OF EXPROPRIATION.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT. CALL IN AMBASSADOR DENNIS  
(OR COUSEOR BULL) TO BRIEF HIM ON SUBJECT MATTER, IF  
THIS HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO  
KEEP GOL INFORMED AT ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY OF DEVELOPMENTS  
IN THIS MATTER.  
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